

### Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A process for producing a soybean protein comprising treating a soybean protein solution or soybean protein slurry with transglutaminase, wherein a heat treatment is performed at 100 to 160°C for 1 second to 60 minutes before ~~or after~~ the treatment with transglutaminase.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) ~~The process according to Claim 5, wherein~~ A process for producing a soybean protein comprising treating a soybean protein solution or soybean protein slurry with transglutaminase, wherein a heat treatment is performed at 100 to 200°C for 20 seconds to 80 seconds after the treatment with transglutaminase, and the transglutaminase acts to such an extent that the number of Glu-Lys bonds existing in 1 g of the soybean protein is  $10^{10}$  to  $10^{25}$  after the transglutaminase reaction.

7-8. (Cancelled)